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| 1. | The applicant is hereby notified that this International Preliminary Examining Authority transmits herewith the international preliminary examination report and its annexes, if any, established on the international application. |
| 2. | A copy of the report and its annexes, if any, is being transmitted to the International Bureau for communication to all the elected Offices. |
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| 1. | This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36. |
| 2. | This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets, including this cover sheet. <input type="checkbox"/> This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT). These annexes consist of a total of sheet(s). |
| 3. | This report contains indications relating to the following items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basis of the report II <input type="checkbox"/> Priority III <input type="checkbox"/> Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability IV <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lack of unity of invention V <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement VI <input type="checkbox"/> Certain documents cited VII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain defects in the international application VIII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain observations on the international application |

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.

PCT/AU2003/001431

I. Basis of the report**1. With regard to the elements of the international application:***

- ☐ the international application as originally filed.
- ☒ the description, pages 1-26, as originally filed,
pages , filed with the demand,
pages , received on with the letter of
- ☒ the claims, pages , as originally filed,
pages 41-54 as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19,
pages , filed with the demand,
pages , received on with the letter of
- ☒ the drawings, pages 1-7, as originally filed,
pages , filed with the demand,
pages , received on with the letter of
- ☐ the sequence listing part of the description:
pages , as originally filed
pages , filed with the demand
pages , received on with the letter of

2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language which is:

- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- ☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
- ☐ the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- ☐ contained in the international application in written form.
- ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- ☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- ☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished

4. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages
- ☐ the claims, Nos.
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/fig.

5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**

* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17).

** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report

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IV. Lack of unity of invention

1. In response to the invitation to restrict or pay additional fees the applicant has:

- ☐ restricted the claims.
- ☐ paid additional fees.
- ☐ paid additional fees under protest.
- ☐ neither restricted nor paid additional fees.

2. ☒ This Authority found that the requirement of unity of invention is not complied with and chose, according to Rule 68.1, not to invite the applicant to restrict or pay additional fees.

3. This Authority considers that the requirement of unity of invention in accordance with Rules 13.1, 13.2 and 13.3 is

- ☐ complied with.
- ☒ not complied with for the following reasons:

Independent claims 1, 32, 51 and 59 define an electric deep frying appliance having a bowl and a heat distributor/heat source and a control pylon. There is no mention of how the heat distributor is located with respect to the bowl.

Independent claim 66 is directed to an appliance wherein the heat source is supported clear of the base of the bowl. There is no mention of any control pylon.

4. Consequently, the following parts of the international application were the subject of international preliminary examination in establishing this report:

- ☒ all parts.
- ☐ the parts relating to claims Nos.

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**1. Statement**

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| Novelty (N) | Claims 1 – 31, 66 – 73 | YES |
| | Claims 32 – 65 | NO |
| Inventive step (IS) | Claims 1 – 31, 66 – 73 | YES |
| | Claims 32 – 65 | NO |
| Industrial applicability (IA) | Claims 1 – 73 | YES |
| | Claims | NO |

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

The following international search report citations have been considered for the purposes of this statement:

D1: EP 1228731 A D2: EP 1029488 A D3: EP 1025788 A D4: EP 546208 A
D5: DE 20207570 U D6: DE 19907172 A D7: 3600294 A D8: JP 2002125864 A
D9: JP 11 235281 A D10: JP 8 224176 A

Novelty (N) Claims 1 – 73

Claims 1 – 31 and 66 – 73 are novel in the light of D1 – D10 none of which disclose the heat distributor being in the form of an annular dished member or a die cast dish having a central aperture.

Claims 32 – 65 are not novel in the light of D1 – D10 each of which discloses an electric deep frying appliance for heating cooking oil which comprises a bowl and heating assembly including a heat distributor in the form of a tubular heating element, and a control pylon adapted to provide power and temperature control to the heat distributor.

Inventive step (IS) Claims 1 – 73

Claims 1 – 31 and 66 – 73: see above.

Claims 32 – 65: see above.

Industrial applicability (IA) Claims 1 – 73

All claims satisfy the requirements of industrial applicability.